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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read --MICROSCOPE STAND, ESPECIALLY FOR A SURGICAL MICROSCOPE--; and

Please delete the paragraph at page 14, lines 22-25 and replace said paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

(b) -- Figure 7 shows a length adjustment 102 with which the chain 101 can be tightened, and an adjusting drive 103 with a drive shaft, by which the chain 101 can be driven. The adjusting drive has an eccentric mechanism 109 which allows the feet 100 to be quickly adjusted and also fixed well in the selected position. More specifically, the adjusting drive includes a rotatable drive shaft 104 drivably connected to a first lever 204, which in turn is pivotably connected by a pin 205 to a second lever 203. Second lever 203 is pivotably connected by a pin 202 to a movable plate 201 which is guided by a guiding plate 200 fixed to housing 33 of stand base 23. Both ends of movable plate 201 are connected to chain 101. Consequently, as drive shaft 104 is rotated, pin 202 is displaced causing movable plate 201 to move in a travel direction of guide plate 200, thereby driving chain 101.--

A marked version of the above replacement paragraph accompanies this Amendment and Response as a separate paper.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the enclosed sheet of amended drawing (sheet 5 of 7 containing Fig. 7) for the drawing sheet 5 of 7 presently on file. Proposed changes to Fig. 7 are indicated in red ink.